Introduced by Senator Migden

February 8, 2006

An act relating to wild and scenic rivers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, as introduced, Migden. Wild and scenic rivers: American River.

The California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act includes specified rivers and segments thereof within the California Wild and Scenic River system, which are subject to various protections under the act.

This bill would require the Resources Secretary to conduct a study to determine whether the North and Middle Forks of the American River should be added to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and, before January 1, 2008, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its determination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the
- 2 proposed Auburn Dam threatens the North and Middle Forks of
- 3 the American River.
- 4 (b) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall conduct a
- 5 study to determine whether the North and Middle Forks of the
- 6 American River should be added to the California Wild and
- 7 Scenic Rivers System. The secretary shall model the study on the
- 8 Hetch Hetchy Restoration Study.

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- (c) By January 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Resources Agency shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its determination pursuant to subdivision (b).